

BRITISH MAINTAINED NEW POSITIONS NORTHWEST OF MERVILLE IN FLANDERS AGAINST A STRONG COUNTER BLOW

**After Period of Heavy Shelling the
Germans Launched Infantry Assault
Which Was Crushed by the Brit-
ish Artillery and Machine Guns**

BRITISH CAPTURED 30 PRISONERS AND SIX MACHINE GUNS IN DRIVE

FRENCH GAINED ON TWO-MILE FRONT

**And They Also Captured 400
Prisoners in an Important
Operation on the Northern
Side of Flanders Salient**

The British, for their part in the strengthening of the Flanders position, carried out an operation last evening in which they cleared out a small German salient that projected into their lines northwest of Merville, near Nieppe wood, where the German rush toward the Hazebrouck railway junction was stopped in last month's offensive. The enemy evidently regarded the ground as of marked value, for this morning he delivered a sharp counter-attack. It was entirely unsuccessful, however, being broken up by the British artillery and machine gun fire.

On the Lys front between Mont Kemmel and the heights of Mont Rouge and Scherpenberg, the French have greatly improved their positions in a forward movement along a front of two miles. Not only were important gains made, but more than 400 German prisoners were captured. The enemy has yet made no counter-attack there, nor has he made any effort to retake the village of Villers-Ancres, on the Somme front, captured in a gallant attack by the Australians Sunday.

Between the Somme and Arras the British are harassing the Germans by rushing their outposts, and the French have been successful in similar operations in the region of Rheims, in the Champagne. The German artillery fire is especially violent on the sector south of the Somme and north of Bethune, northwest of Arras. To Bethune has come the fate of so many towns and cities of northern France, and it is now a mass of ruins as a result of the German bombardment.

There is no let-up in the intense aerial activity. In the fighting in the air, British aviators have destroyed 27 German machines and driven down three others out of control, as well as burning three balloons. Bombing squadrons also are busy behind the German lines, and Monday a ton of bombs was dropped on Landan, northwest of Karlsruhe, on the Rhine. Several fires were started.

London, May 21.—Northwest of Merville, in the Flanders salient, the British improved their positions last night, the war office announces. Thirty prisoners and six machine guns were taken by the British in this operation.

14 MEN CAUGHT IN MINE WORKINGS

**Seven Members of Rescue Party Were
Overcome by Gas While Working
to Reach Their Fellow
Workmen.**

Charleston, W. Va., May 21.—Seven members of a rescue party were overcome by gas in the mine of the Mill Creek Cannel Coal Mining company at Villa, W. Va., this morning, while trying to reach 14 miners who were trapped in the workings late yesterday when the main entry caught fire. They were saved by other working parties, and physicians said none would die.

A rescue car of the United States bureau of mines is being hurried to Villa from Monongah, W. Va., and is expected to reach the burning mine this afternoon. Meantime, large numbers of miners are working hard to extinguish the flames and reach their imprisoned comrades.

NOT OFFERED POSITION.

**James A. Farrell Denies a Report from
Washington.**

New York, May 21.—James A. Farrell, president of the United States Steel corporation, denied today that he had been tendered the position of director of operations of the shipping board as reported yesterday from Washington.

"I have received no such offer," he said. "I believe there is no intention on the part of the shipping board to make it. The directors of the emergency fleet corporation know that if the position was tendered to me I would have to decline it, for patriotic reasons, if for no other. My whole time and energy are devoted to the work of assisting to the best of my ability production and delivery of steel for the emergency fleet and for other government needs. In my opinion, there is nothing at the present time more important to the military necessities of the government than the production and delivery of steel."

STRONG OPPOSITION TO TEUTON ALLIANCE

**Is Reported to Have Been Started in
Germany by Chancellor Von Hert-
ling and Foreign Secretary
Von Kuehlmann.**

London, May 21.—Strong opposition to the recently arranged alliance between Germany and Austria-Hungary is voiced by Chancellor Von Hertling and Foreign Secretary Von Kuehlmann, according to reports received in The Hague and transmitted by the correspondent of the Daily Mail. The chancellor and foreign secretary are reported to have said that they washed their hands of the entire matter, as they objected to the methods by which the military part of the convention was devised over their heads by the German higher command.

General Ludendorff is said to be insisting that the agreement be passed and signed at once.

The military sections bind each party to aid the other with all its forces against any and every enemy, thus compelling Austria to place all her forces at the disposal of Germany.

IRISH REVOLT WAS PLANNED IN AMERICA

**Leaders of the Irish Are Alleged to Have
Been in Touch with German Represen-
tatives in the United States, Who
Agreed to Furnish Money to Fi-
nance Rebellion in Ireland.**

Washington, May 21.—Evidence of plotting between German and Irish agents in this country for an uprising in Ireland has been uncovered by United States government agents and is partly responsible for the recent arrest of Irish leaders by the British government.

This evidence which may be made public soon, is understood to show definitely that Irish leaders, mainly Sinn Fein sympathizers in the United States, have been in touch with German representatives who agreed to furnish money to finance a rebellion in Ireland and possibly to send arms and ammunition to Ireland by submarines or blockade runners. There was even some discussion of the chances of sending German soldiers to take part in warfare on Irish soil.

The uprising was set for about this time, when the Germans had planned to reach the channel ports after their great drive in France and it was believed England would be thrown into confusion by the German advance.

Ireland was to be freed entirely from British influence if possible, and the Germans counted strongly on the Irish trouble to divert Great Britain's attention from the fighting in France and at the channel ports at the very time when it would be most necessary for the country to keep calm to prevent a German invasion.

Information concerning these plots has been gathered by several investigating agencies of the United States government and turned over to the state department, which forwarded it to representatives of the British government. In many cases the information provided leads by which British secret agents found evidence of plotting in Ireland. Negotiations were allowed to proceed for some time, in the hope that more of the plotters would be rounded up finally, and the arrests are believed to have been ordered by British officials at this time because it became known that an open outbreak was about to be precipitated. It was hinted today that a number of Sinn Fein sympathizers in the United States are under watch for further developments in the Irish plot.

The secret system of negotiations had been in progress for several months, it is understood. This tends to confirm the statement from London that the series of arrests several days ago had no direct connection with plans to conscript the Irish. Some information was obtained from Germans now in internment camps in this country. There is indication also that the seat of the German-Irish negotiations was transferred at times to other American republics.

It was made plain here that the United States government's interest in the Irish plots is solely to prevent Germany, by this method, from attacking co-belligerents of the United States, and that this government is not seeking to meddle in the Irish situation except for this reason.

As soon as all the persons suspected of participating in the conspiracies are arrested, the evidence already gathered may be made public to show the necessity for nipping the plot at this time. Some doubt exists as to whether these disclosures will be made in London or Washington. Officials here today were inclined to believe that they would come from the British government.

STARK FAMINE ALLY AGAINST TEUTONS

**A Correspondent of London Newspaper
Tells of Case of Cannibalism in Aus-
tria, and Poorer People are Suf-
fering Terrible Deprivation.**

London, May 21.—"I feel confident that the time is at hand when stark, medieval famine will join the entente as a political and military ally against Germany and Austria," the correspondent of the Daily Mail telegraphs from Annemasse, in France, near the Swiss border.

The correspondent says he draws this conclusion from oral statements by an authentic witness whose observations extended up to the end of April. The great masses of the German and Austrian peoples, this informant declares, are more the sick of the war. They think and talk of nothing but bread, and their morale is so low that the governments are fearful of Bolshevik movements.

Among the incidents given in support of the story of want, is the case of two prisoners of war employed at the gas works in Vienna who, he declares, were murdered by fellow workers, who ate part of their bodies. The "Arbeitler Zeitung" of Vienna demanded an investigation, and the entire issue was confiscated in consequence. The affair was referred to in Parliament, but was hushed up in the Vienna press.

The narrator said he and his family had lived for weeks almost entirely on mushrooms gathered in a forest outside the town in which he dwelt.

"People often faint in the streets from hunger," he continued. "Even the soldiers do not have sufficient food. They are not only sick of war, but thoroughly apathetic regarding it. It is common sight to see soldiers begging for food. Everybody is convinced that the expected food relief from Ukraine is a mirage. 'Only another Prussian swindle,' they say."

The three worst months—June, July and August—are yet to come. Last year there was almost nothing to eat in those months but cucumbers, and fruit. Typhus and dysentery became epidemic. The people are shuddering at the prospects of these three months.

As far as they dare, the dispatches continue, they make little of the talk of smashing the British and the French and the submarine campaign, and the only results which they see has been to add to their enemies.

MANY CLAIMANTS FOR RED CROSS HONORS

**Several Places Report That They Have
Over-subscribed Their Quotas in the
Present Drive.**

Washington, D. C., May 21.—Claims from various sections to the honor of being the first to subscribe their allotments to the second fund of the American Red Cross were on file here today awaiting decisions of the national headquarters in the matter of awards. Word was called from Honolulu that Hawaii had over-subscribed its quota of \$250,000, while reports of having gone over the top had been received from Peabody, Mass., Pontotoc county, Okla., and Yolo county, Cal.

EARTHQUAKE STARTED FIRE IN CHILI TOWN

**Many Buildings Were First Shaken
Down, Some Loss of Life Reported
at Laserna.**

Santiago, Chili, May 21.—The earthquake yesterday at the capital of the province of Coquimbo, damaged a large number of buildings. Fire started in the center of the town, causing further loss. The shock was felt to a less extent in neighboring villages.

Valparaiso, Chili, May 21.—It is reported here that there was loss of life in the earthquake at Laserna yesterday.

"BUSINESS AS USUAL"

**Was Motto at Sinn Fein Headquarters in
Dublin.**

Dublin, May 21.—"The country is perfectly calm," a representative of the Sinn Fein at the organization's headquarters said today to the Associated Press. "Up to the present time we have received particulars of 84 arrests. We expect there will be others."

"Business as usual" is the motto at our headquarters. Some of the English newspapers are suggesting that the Sinn Fein has been stunned by the government's action. That is not correct. The arrests were expected and substitute leaders were appointed some time ago to carry on our affairs whenever the need should arise."

GERMANS FALSIFYING LOSSES.

**Their Airplanes Shot Down in Their Own
Lines Are Not Counted.**

With the American Army in France, Monday, May 20 (by the Associated Press).—According to information obtained from a captured German officer, the published monthly figures of German aerial losses are intended for the people at home and for the neutrals, and are not accepted by German aviators.

As an illustration of the German methods, it is learned that a machine shot down within the German lines of which even only parts are left, is not contained in the lists.

FAIRBANKS CRITICALLY ILL.

But He "Continued to Hold His Own"

Indianapolis, Ind., May 21.—Charles W. Fairbanks, who is critically ill here, "continued to hold his own," according to an announcement made at his home early today. It was said his physician said today had hopes for the recovery of the former vice-president of the United States.

750,000 MEN FROM NEW DRAFT

**Are Expected to Be Secured
by Registration of
June 5**

MILLION MEN WILL PROBABLY REGISTER

**Provost Marshal-General
Thinks Quarter of Them
Will Be Exempted**

Washington, D. C., May 21.—Estimates today by Major General Crowder, provost marshal general, indicate that probably three-quarters of a million men will be obtained for the army by the registration on June 5 of all youths who have attained 21 years of age since June 5 last. Fully a million youths, according to General Crowder's estimate, will be registered. At least one-fourth of them, he thinks, will be exempted on various grounds.

A statement by Secretary Baker, giving the estimate and outlining plans for the draft, given out today, read:

"Probably three quarters of a million will be added to the American army in the making, by the registration on June 5 of all youths who have reached the age of 21 since June 5, and who will be 21 on June 5, 1918. This estimate was made today by Provost Marshal General E. H. Crowder, who will direct the registration."

"General Crowder's estimate was based on the fact that almost 1,000,000 registered last year. This number included all between 21 and 31. Statistics collected by General Crowder's office show that a little more than 10 per cent of these men were 21 years old. On that basis it is estimated by draft officials working under General Crowder that this year's registration will exceed 1,000,000."

"Of this number, General Crowder estimates that three-quarters, or about 750,000, will be available for military service. This makes proper allowance for physical defects, exemptions because of dependents, and other barriers to military service."

"Under President Wilson's proclamation all male persons, citizens, or aliens, must register. The only persons excepted are officers and enlisted men of the regular army, navy and marine corps and the National Guard and naval militia, while in federal service, and officers of the officers' reserve corps and enlisted men in the enlisted reserve corps, while in active service."

"General Crowder plans to have the local boards keep their offices open for registration purposes between 7 a. m. and 9 p. m. on June 5. Between those hours all young men who were born between June 5, 1896 and June 6, 1917, must register. These men are subject to the provisions of the selective service act under which the first registration was held."

U. S. TROOP TRAIN WAS OVERTURNED

**Two Trainmen Reported Killed and Many
Soldiers Were Wounded Near Gar-
land City, Ark.**

Texarkana, Ark., May 21.—Troop train No. 351, northbound, was wrecked near Garland City, Ark., today, the engine and four coaches being overturned. The engineer and fireman are reported to have been killed and 16 or more soldiers injured.

WOUNDED IN FRANCE.

**Lieut. Willard J. Freeman, Who Has
Wife in Burlington.**

Burlington, May 21.—News has been received in this city of the serious wounding in France of First Lieut. Willard J. Freeman, a former University of Vermont man who received his commission in the regular army last summer at the first Plattsburg camp. Lieut. Freeman's wife was Miss Ruth Miller of this city, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Miller of 80 Brookside avenue, whom he married last August 21, a few days before he left for overseas.

Lieut. Freeman was an instructor in an officers' training school in France, and was teaching a company of men how to throw hand grenades. All went well until the turn of the 75th man came. He got an imperfect grenade and it exploded, tearing his hand all to pieces. A piece of it struck Lieut. Freeman in the right eye. He was rushed to a base hospital and for eight days could see nothing. It will be a month or six weeks before the eye can be operated upon, but it is hoped that the sight of the eye may be saved. Skin grafting will be resorted to in an effort to save his face from scars.

CHINA AND JAPAN SIGNED TREATY

**In Regard to Military Operations to Be
Conducted Jointly by Them in Si-
beria—Other Clauses Were
Also Inserted.**

Peking, Friday, May 17 (by the Associated Press).—China and Japan have signed the treaty, concluded after negotiations lasting several days, concerning the military operations to be conducted jointly by these two countries in Siberia. The treaty also contains clauses dealing with other matters, the details of which are not made public.

FIFTEEN AIRPLANES BURNED.

**And Much Timber Also Wiped Out by
Fire.**

San Francisco, May 21.—Fifteen airplanes in various stages of construction and a considerable quantity of dried spruce and Irish linen were reported destroyed today in a fire which swept the plant of the Fowler Airplane corporation.

The fire started in a furniture factory and swept a block, destroying several houses. The Fowler concern was working on government contracts and the stock on hand was estimated to be worth from \$250,000 to \$1,000,000.

R. R. PRESIDENT IS REMOVED

**Huntington of Virginian
Railway Said to Have
Been Slow to Obey**

OTHER EXECUTIVES ARE IN DANGER

**McAdoo Plans to Bring the
Railroad Officials to
Time**

Washington, May 21.—C. W. Huntington of New York has been removed by Director General McAdoo as president of the Virginian railway for disobedience of the railroad administration's orders for maintenance and improvement of his road. J. H. Young of Norfolk, Va., has been appointed federal director of the road.

The Virginian is a coal carrying road running from Deep Water, W. Va., to Norfolk, Va.

Huntington is the first railroad president to be removed by Director General McAdoo, but it was hinted today that similar action might be taken against other executives, who do not cooperate well with the federal management.

The complaint against Mr. Huntington was that he failed to comply promptly with suggestions and orders of the railway administration, insisting on technicalities involved, and in the carrying out of instructions.

The action against Mr. Huntington removes him as executive chief of the road, but leaves him as head of the railway corporation which is to pay his salary out of corporate funds furnished by the government as compensation for use of the road, when out of operating funds.

Mr. Young, the new manager, is given full authority to manage the road, even to the extent of changing the personnel of operating officials.

CLUTCHED REVOLVER AND 'PHONE RECEIVER

**Miss Nellie Lipsett, 19, of Boston, Had
Died of Bullet Wound in Her Head**

**Police Are Convinced It Is
Case of Suicide.**

Boston, May 21.—With one hand holding a telephone receiver and the other clutching a 32-caliber revolver, Miss Nellie Lipsett, age 19, was found dead in bed last night from a bullet wound in her head. Miss Lipsett's sister, Ruth, made the discovery when she returned from work. Telephone records show that a call from the Lipsett apartment came in several hours before Miss Lipsett's body was found. The name of the person whom she called is sought by the police in their efforts to find a motive for the girl's death. The police and the medical examiner said they were convinced that Miss Lipsett committed suicide.

IS IN BELLOWS FALLS.

**Wells River Girl Is Working for \$7 a
Week and Board and Wants to Stay.**

Woodsville, N. H., May 21.—Melvin Coburn of Wells River, Vt., father of Miss Mabel Coburn, the 15-year-old Woodsville girl who disappeared from the home of Mrs. Dr. Gibson some time Saturday night, leaving a note to her parents to the effect that she had drowned herself and leaving a pair of her shoes on the bank of the Connecticut river to corroborate her story, received a telegram last evening from Bel lows Falls, Vt., signed by the missing girl, which read as follows: "Am working for \$7 and board. Would like to stay."

The Bel lows Falls police noticed the girl when she alighted from the train Sunday morning and it is thought there is no man in the case, as was at first feared. If the girl has employment it is possible her father may allow her to remain for the time being.

LOST HER TWO SONS.

**Fitzdale Woman Is Mourning Death of
Two in Same Battle.**

St. Johnsbury, May 21.—Private Allen R. Moore of Fitzdale, killed in action May 10, was the brother of Corporal Walter C. Moore, killed the same day. Their mother, Mrs. John Corcoran of Fitzdale, was notified yesterday of Private Moore's death and on Friday of Corporal Moore's.

This takes her last boy. A son, George, was drowned at South Lunenburg a year ago.

Private Allen was 21 and enlisted with his brother in Company D of St. Johnsbury last July. They were transferred to the Machine Gun company of the 103d infantry and went across in the fall. Both men were employed by the Fitzdale Paper company. They were born in Monroe, N. H. Memorial services will be held in the Monroe church Sunday.

RED CROSS RETURNS.

**New York-Had Nearly Reached Five
Millions To-day.**

Washington, May 21.—Word from New York City said that subscriptions in the Red Cross drive there had totaled \$4,887,610 and from Chicago a report showed that nearly \$500,000 had been subscribed by less than half a dozen individuals on the first day. Michigan has subscribed its full quota of \$3,000,000. Newark, N. J., collected before 1 o'clock yesterday \$155,462.

NEGRO WON PRIZE For Breaking the International Record for Riveting.

Washington, May 21.—The first international prize for riveting "was" transmitted today by Chairman Hurley of the shipping board to Charles Knight, a negro, at the request of Lord Northcliffe, owner of London newspapers, who offered \$25 for the best score over previous records. Knight is employed at the Bethlehem Shipbuilding corporation, Sparrows Point, Md. On May 16, Knight drove 4.573 rivets.

COLLEGE BUILDING DAMAGED BY FIRE

**"Old Mill" at University of Vermont
Struck by Lightning and the Damage
Will Run Well Into Many Thou-
sands of Dollars.**

Burlington, May 21.—The "old mill," principal building of the University of Vermont, was struck by lightning last night and considerable damage done to the south end, containing the Y. M. C. A. and lecture rooms and students' rooms in the upper part of the building.

The resulting fire burned down to the second story of the south end of the structure.

The historic chapel was not damaged, although for a time the costly Goodrich memorial window was in danger. The corner stone of the south wing of the building was laid in 1825. The damage will be about \$25,000.

There were about 35 boys from all parts of Vermont, members of the mechanics' school, in their bunks on the second and third floors, all attired in pajamas. These men were hastily marshaled by the corporals and marched in orderly file down the stairs and into the gymnasium and without a mishap. The uniforms for the men have not arrived, so the men were in civilian clothes and many of them left their clothes at their bunks, but as soon as the fire was definitely located they were allowed to return for them. One young man got excited and threw his trousers out of the window. They caught on some telephone wires and hung there until morning.

YALE STUDENTS IN BIG UPROAR

**Ten of Them Were Placed Under Arrest
Early This Morning After Defiance
Had Been Shown to the Police.**

New Haven, Conn., May 21.—Town and gown clashed early today after Yale undergraduates, most of them in military or naval uniform, had swept through the business streets in a demonstration as turbulent as any in many years. Ten students were under arrest after defiance had been given to the police, who were with Mayor Fitzgerald, trying to quiet the disturbance at the Yale post-office.

The incident which led to the uproar was not well defined at the time the arrests were made, but the best explanation seems to be that two freshmen expelled a senior from a moving picture house.

Mayor Fitzgerald, who was in the city hall office, heard the disturbance, and with several citizens, followed the crowd to Yale postoffice. He gave the police orders to clear the street. The students called for a speech, and the mayor began to respond, chiding the men in their behavior. Someone called out "louder, we can't hear you." This led to comment from the crowd, during which, it is charged, James E. Mitchell, a freshman from Wellesley, Mass., sneered and insulted the mayor, who ordered his arrest. The crowd began to jeer the officers and several were seized and told they were under arrest. As the officers started for the central station the Yale men were unruly and others were arrested. The ten booked gave these names: O. F. Davis, Dayton, O.; Thomas Penny, New York City; J. H. French, New York City; Julius B. Rice, Washington, D. C.; J. E. Mitchell, Wellesley, Mass.; W. F. Jones, Allen Hubbard, jr., Newton Center, Mass.; C. W. Diecks, West Orange, N. J.; Sherrill Kent, New Haven, Conn.; Dan A. Cobb, Peoria, Ill.

AN OFFICIAL FAREWELL.

**Is to Be Given to Barre and Barre Town
Recruits Friday.**

An official farewell from the home folks, with Mayor E. C. Glysson as the spokesman, is planned for Friday morning when the Barre and Barre Town men in the current draft quota of Washington county leave the city for the capital to report. It is not an elaborate program that is in the making, but the ninety men who comprise the contribution which Barre and Barre Town will give are not going to go away without a testimonial that will measurably indicate the pride which the two communities take upon themselves in making so large an offering of their young manhood to the cause.

A committee has arranged to provide some thirty or forty cars in which to transport the men to Montpelier. There will be a gathering at the city park at 8 o'clock in the morning, and after a short program the recruits will leave for the capital. Mayor Glysson is to speak, and it is expected that the Cristoforo Colombo band will play. Friday is Italian day, which is to be observed throughout the country, and as many of the young men who are leaving Saturday for Camp Devens are from the Barre Italian colony, the farewell exercises will take on added significance. There is a liberal representation of citizens from the Italian colony on the committee. It is hoped that a large number of people will gather to participate in the farewell. The exercises are to begin at 8 o'clock and the automobiles will leave for Montpelier at 8:30.

WILSON MAY DECIDE.

**Whether Congress Will Remain in Ses-
sion.**

Washington, May 21.—Indications today were that President Wilson may be called upon to decide whether Congress will remain in session after July 1 to pass new war revenue legislation as suggested by Secretary McAdoo.

Congressional leaders, who conferred with the secretary yesterday, were not convinced of the immediate necessity for the action and were disinclined to adhere to their original plan of adjourning in July.

Secretary McAdoo at the same time was said to have been considerably impressed by the assertions of leaders that it would be extremely difficult to hold Congress.

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FRANK E. LANGLEY, Publisher.

20TH ASSEMBLY OF STATE C. O. F.

**Delegates Representing the
Twelve Counties Met
in Barre Monday**

DANCE WILL BE HELD LAST EVENING

**The Election of Officers Will
Take Place Late
To-day**

Fifty delegates, representing a membership of 2,000 in 12 local councils, and officers of the grand council are here for the 20th annual convention of the Vermont state council of the Knights of Columbus. As a pre-convention opportunity for getting acquainted, a dance was held in Howland hall last evening under the auspices of Barre council, No. 401, but the real business of the annual gathering came today, following a celebration of mass at St. Monica's church. The business meeting, which convened this forenoon at 10:30 o'clock, was resumed this afternoon at 2 o'clock, after an hour's recess for luncheon. Election of officers will come late in the afternoon and it is expected that final adjournment will be taken by 6 o'clock. This afternoon automobiles provided by the local council were placed at the disposal of visiting ladies, most of whom desired a trip to the quarries and to surrounding towns.

It is essentially a war convention, for most of the more serious business which is engaging the knights has to do with providing places of rest, recreation and pleasure for American soldiers and sailors. Nearly 100 couples were present at the dance last evening, and at a time the delegates were able to leave behind them thoughts of the business sessions of today. Howland hall was never more attractively decorated, flags and bunting in the national colors being used with striking effect. Carroll's orchestra gave a concert between 8 and 9, and dancing followed, with a short intermission for refreshments.

This morning the visitors and many members of Barre council gathered in the K. of C. hall on North Main street at 8 o'clock. An hour later a line of march was formed and the knights paraded to St. Monica's, where mass was said, with the pastor, Rev. Fr. P. M. McKenna, as the celebrant. In the absence of Rev. Fr. D. J. Sullivan of St. Albans, state chaplain of the order, who was unable to arrive until later in the day, the annual convention sermon was preached by Rev. Fr. J. A. Lynch of the Catholic church in Northfield. Father Lynch delivered a powerful homily which did not omit an explanation of the duties which devolve upon fraternal orders in this time of national peril.

At the business session, which followed the church services, Stephen M. Driscoll of St. Albans, the state deputy, presided. Other state officers present included the following: E. J. Howard of Bellows Falls, secretary; A. C. Moore of Barre, state treasurer; J. F. Smith of Rutland, warden; B. J. Mulcahy of Hardwick, advocate. Reports from the officers and various committees were heard, but intermission intervened before the discussion of recreation buildings. The Vermont Knights of Columbus were the first of the fraternity in the United States to establish a recreation center for the soldiers. The K. of C. building at Fort Ethan Allen was erected a year ago, soon after war was declared, and while hundreds of men were in the line, maintained by a great nationally created fund, have since been built by the national K. of C. council, the task of supporting the Fort Ethan Allen building has been met by the state council. At the present time there is under consideration a proposal to transfer the title to the recreation center to the national council, that it may be conducted under the auspices to which many other buildings are looking for maintenance. The state council has a sum of several thousand dollars available for further work, but it is found that the best interests of the soldiers are to be served by transferring the property to the national council undoubtedly the move will be authorized before the convention adjourns today.

Hotel Barre is the convention headquarters, and a local committee, consisting of John Hartigan, grand knight, P. A. Newman, John Newman and J. Owens, is looking after comforts and conveniences for the visitors. For patriotic reasons the annual banquet of the order will be omitted this year.

Rt. Rev. J. J. Rice, bishop of the Roman Catholic diocese of Burlington, arrived in the city this afternoon to remain until the adjournment of the convention.

LARGE CROWD EXPECTED To Hear Mrs. Beatrice Forbes-Robertson Hale in Barre To-night.

If her Barre audience attains to the size of the crowds which have greeted her elsewhere in Vermont this spring, Mrs. Beatrice Forbes-Robertson Hale is noted lecturer and actress, will address a standing room only assemblage at the war rally in the opera house this evening. Wherever she has appeared she has received a most enthusiastic audience and her story of the war is a thrilling one. The war rally is to begin at 8 o'clock, but previously the Cristoforo Colombo band will play a few selections, and afterward in the opera house the same musicians are to be heard. People who are anxious to hear Mrs. Hale are advised to seek seats early. No admission will be charge.

A message received this forenoon by the local war rally committee from James P. Taylor, secretary of the Greater Vermont association, reported a large audience at the gathering in St. Johnsbury last evening, when Mrs. Hale spoke. The theatre,